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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to jury summons questionnaires.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 SECTION 1. Sections 62.0132(b) and (d), Government Code,
- 5 are amended to read as follows:
- 6 (b) A written jury summons must include:
- 7 <u>(1)</u> a copy of the questionnaire developed under this
- 8 section; or
- 9 (2) the electronic address of the court's Internet
- 10 website from which the questionnaire developed under this section
- 11 may be easily printed.
- 12 (d) A person who has received a written jury summons [and a
- 13 written jury summons questionnaire] shall complete and submit a
- 14 jury summons [the] questionnaire when the person reports for jury
- 15 duty.
- 16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
- 17 62.0132, Government Code, applies only to a written jury summons
- 18 sent on or after the effective date of this Act. A written jury
- 19 summons sent before the effective date of this Act is governed by
- 20 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,
- 21 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.